

106TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 2055

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 10, 2000

Mr. WELLSTONE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as “Katie’s Law”.

5 **SEC. 2. KATIE POIRIER ABDUCTION EMERGENCY FUND.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF ABDUCTION EMERGENCY  
7 FUND.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enact-  
8 ment of this Act, the Attorney General shall establish the  
9 Katie Poirier Abduction Emergency Fund (referred to in  
10 this section as the “fund”) to assist local and rural law

1 enforcement agencies with expenses resulting from a  
 2 crime, including an abduction or homicide, that results in  
 3 extraordinary unanticipated costs to the agency because  
 4 of the magnitude of the crime and the need to adequately  
 5 respond with personnel and support.

6 (b) EMERGENCY GRANTS.—The Attorney General  
 7 shall make grants to States to be distributed to local and  
 8 rural law enforcement agencies as determined by the  
 9 State.

10 (c) CRITERIA FOR GRANTS.—The Attorney General  
 11 shall establish criteria for awarding grants under this sec-  
 12 tion.

13 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
 14 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
 15 \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2001 through  
 16 2003.

17 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST**  
 18 **LOCAL AND RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
 19 **AGENCIES IN ESTABLISHING OR UPGRADING**  
 20 **AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO DEVELOP**  
 21 **IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGIES AND SYS-**  
 22 **TEMS TO IMPROVE CRIMINAL IDENTIFICA-**  
 23 **TION.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General, through  
 25 the Bureau of Justice Statistics of the Department of Jus-

1 tice, shall make grants to States which shall be used to  
2 assist local and rural law enforcement agencies in estab-  
3 lishing or upgrading an integrated approach to develop  
4 identification technologies and systems to improve crimi-  
5 nal identification.

6 (b) CRITERIA FOR GRANTS.—The Attorney General  
7 shall establish criteria for awarding grants under this sec-  
8 tion.

9 (c) USE OF GRANTS.—Grants under this section may  
10 be used by local and rural law enforcement agencies to  
11 integrate information technologies or to establish, develop,  
12 or upgrade automated fingerprint identification systems,  
13 including live scan and other automated systems to  
14 digitize fingerprints and communicate prints, that are  
15 compatible with standards established by the National In-  
16 stitute of Standards and Technology and interoperable  
17 with systems operated by States and the Integrated Auto-  
18 mated Fingerprint Identification System of the Federal  
19 Bureau of Investigation.

20 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
21 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
22 \$20,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2001 through  
23 2003.

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